

Introduced by Senator Perata
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An act to add Article 7 (commencing with Section 5560) of Chapter 6.2 of Part 1 of Division 5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to mental health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1534, as introduced, Perata. Mental health: patient advocacy: special programs.

Under existing law the State Department of Mental Health is required to contract with a single nonprofit agency for the provision of mental health patient advocacy services. The services include conducting investigations of abuse, neglect, and death of persons with mental disabilities residing in state hospitals.

This bill would establish the Patient Advocacy Program within the department. The program would provide patient advocate and oversight services for patients in special treatment programs, as described.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 7 (commencing with Section
2 5560) is added to Chapter 6.2 of Part 1 of Division 5 of the
3 Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:
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Article 7. The Patient Advocacy Program

5560. The Patient Advocacy Program is established in the State Department of Mental Health.

5561. The program shall provide advocate and oversight services for patients in special treatment programs described in Section 72443 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

CORRECTIONS

Heading — coauthor.

